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REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11-24 are pending in this application, claims 1, 9 and 17 being the independent claims. Claim 10 has been cancelled in this Amendment and the limitations therein added to independent Claim 9. Claim 11 has been amended to depend from Claim 9 due to the cancellation of Claim 10.

The undersigned attorney appreciates the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-8 and 17-24. It is believed that Claims 9 and 11-16 are now allowable as well as the Examiner's objections to these claims are overcome by the Amendments made herein.

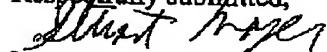
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes there are still unresolved issues, a telephone call to the undersigned would be welcomed.

Fees

If there are any fees due and owing in respect to this amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account number 50-1047.

Respectfully submitted,

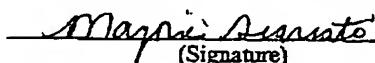


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